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DISCONTINUATION OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the on-going Rural Development Schemes in rural areas which have been discontinued and the schemes under which these schemes have been merged by the Government as per the Budget announcements;

(b) the funds earmarked for these schemes; and

(c) the reasons for discontinuing the existing Rural Development Schemes ?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA)

(a) to (c):With effect from 1.4.1999 Self-employment Programmes have been revamped bymerging Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA), Supply of Improved Tool-Kits to Rural Artisan (SITRA), Training of Rural Youth for Self Employment (TRYSEM), Ganga Kalyan Yojana (GKY) and Million Wells Scheme (MWS) into a holistic scheme called Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana(SGSY) with the objective of establishing a large number of micro-enterprises in the rural areas and building upon the potential of the rural poor. Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) has been restructured as Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY) with the primary objective of creating demand driven village infrastructure, including durable assets to enable the rural poor to increase the opportunities for sustained employment. Employment Assurance Scheme (E.A.S.) has now been made an allocation based scheme. The modified Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme aims at institutionalizing community based demand driven rural water supply programme with cost sharing instruments by Communities, gradually replacing the current supply-driven, Centrally maintained rural water supply programme to a participatory programme. The changes effected in the Central Rural Sanitation Programme (CRSP) involve a major shift from a high-subsidy to a low-subsidy regime, adoption of `Total Sanitation Campaign` approach, choice of technology according to customer preferences and greater community participation. School sanitation is an important component of this programme. Funds allocated for the rural development schemes for the current financial year is Rs.9760.00 Crores.